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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2009–10 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 2444

Introduced by Assembly Member Furutani

February 19, 2010

An act to amend Section 46600 of the Education Code, relating to school districts.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2444, as amended, Furutani. School districts: interdistrict attendance.

Existing law requires each person between the ages of 6 to 18 years, inclusive, who is not otherwise exempt, to attend the public full-time day school in the school district in which his or her parent or guardian is a resident. Existing law authorizes the governing boards of 2 or more school districts to enter into an agreement, for a term not to exceed 5 school years, for the interdistrict attendance of pupils who are residents of the districts. Existing law requires the supervisor of attendance of the district of residence to issue an individual permit verifying the district's approval, pursuant to policies of the board and terms of the agreement, for the transfer and for the applicable period of time. Existing law establishes an appeal process for pupils whose permits are denied, or, in the absence of an agreement between the districts, if the districts fail or refuse to enter into an agreement.

This bill would preclude a pupil who is enrolled in a school pursuant to these provisions from having to reapply for an interdistrict transfer, and would require the governing board of the school district of enrollment to allow the pupil to continue to attend the school in which he or she is enrolled.

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Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 46600 of the Education Code is amended to read:

46600. (a) (1) The governing boards of two or more school districts may enter into an agreement, for a term not to exceed five school years, for the interdistrict attendance of pupils who are residents of the districts. The agreement may provide for the admission to a district other than the district of residence of a pupil who requests a permit to attend a school district that is a party to the agreement and that maintains schools and classes in kindergarten or any of grades 1 to 12, inclusive, to which the pupil requests admission. Once a pupil in kindergarten or any of grades 1 to 12, inclusive, is enrolled in a school pursuant to this-section chapter, the pupil shall not have to reapply for an interdistrict transfer, and the governing board of the school district of enrollment shall allow the pupil to continue to attend the school in which he or she is enrolled.

- (2) The agreement shall stipulate the terms and conditions under which interdistrict attendance shall be permitted or denied.
- (3) The supervisor of attendance of the district of residence shall issue an individual permit verifying the district's approval, pursuant to policies of the board and terms of the agreement for the transfer. A permit shall be valid upon concurring endorsement by the designee of the governing board of the district of proposed attendance. The stipulation of the terms and conditions under which the permit may be revoked is the responsibility of the district of attendance.
- (b) In addition to the requirements of subdivision (e) of Section 48915.1, and regardless of whether an agreement exists or a permit is issued pursuant to this section, any district may admit a pupil expelled from another district in which the pupil continues to reside.